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An Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.111 (20 Pages).

Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.), with authorization to charge fee to Deposit Acct. 19-0743.

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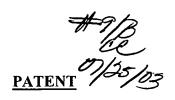
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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from April 15, 2003 to July 15, 2003.